HIS117- The Four Caliphs

Lesson Three Handout

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Lesson Three- Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (R.A.)

- Umar (R.A.)'s caliphate lasted for over 10 years
- His general title was "Abu Hafs" because his daughter's name was Hafsa (R.A.)
- He was 13 years younger than the prophet (ﷺ)
- He was known to be a very brave, bold, "no nonsense" individual
- Famous story of his conversion
    - On his way to kill the prophet (ﷺ)
    - Stopped by his sister's home, heard the Qur'an being recited
    - Later went to Dar-ul-Arqam where the Muslims would gather
- The seed of iman was planted in his heart before this incident
    - He once heard the prophet (ﷺ) reciting Surah Al-Haqqah at the kaba
    - This greatly moved his heart
- With his conversion Muslims no longer felt the need to hide their faith
- His conversion was the result of the dua of the prophet (ﷺ)
    - He had prayed to Allah to support the deen with either the conversion of Abul Hakm (Abu Jahl) or Umar (R.A.)
- The non-Muslims conspired to kill him, but he was given protection by 'As Ibn Wail – the father of Amr Ibn 'As (R.A.)
- He joined the prophet (ﷺ) in every battle
- His daughter Hafsa married the prophet (ﷺ)
- The prophet (ﷺ) said if there would have been a prophet after him, it would be Umar (R.A.)
- He was very hands on, extroverted, brutally honest "get up and get it done" type of individual
- His khilafa was based on the "shura" or consultation system
- His consultants consisted of the greatest of the Muhajireen and Ansar
- The faith spread beyond the Arabian peninsula during his caliphate
- It spread into Syria and Iraq until the end of the Arab speaking portion of Iraq
- He introduced departmentalization during his caliphate
    - Examples of departments: Department of agriculture, department of the forces
    - He had excellent statesmanship and was able to allocate appropriate individuals to positions that would suit them correctly.